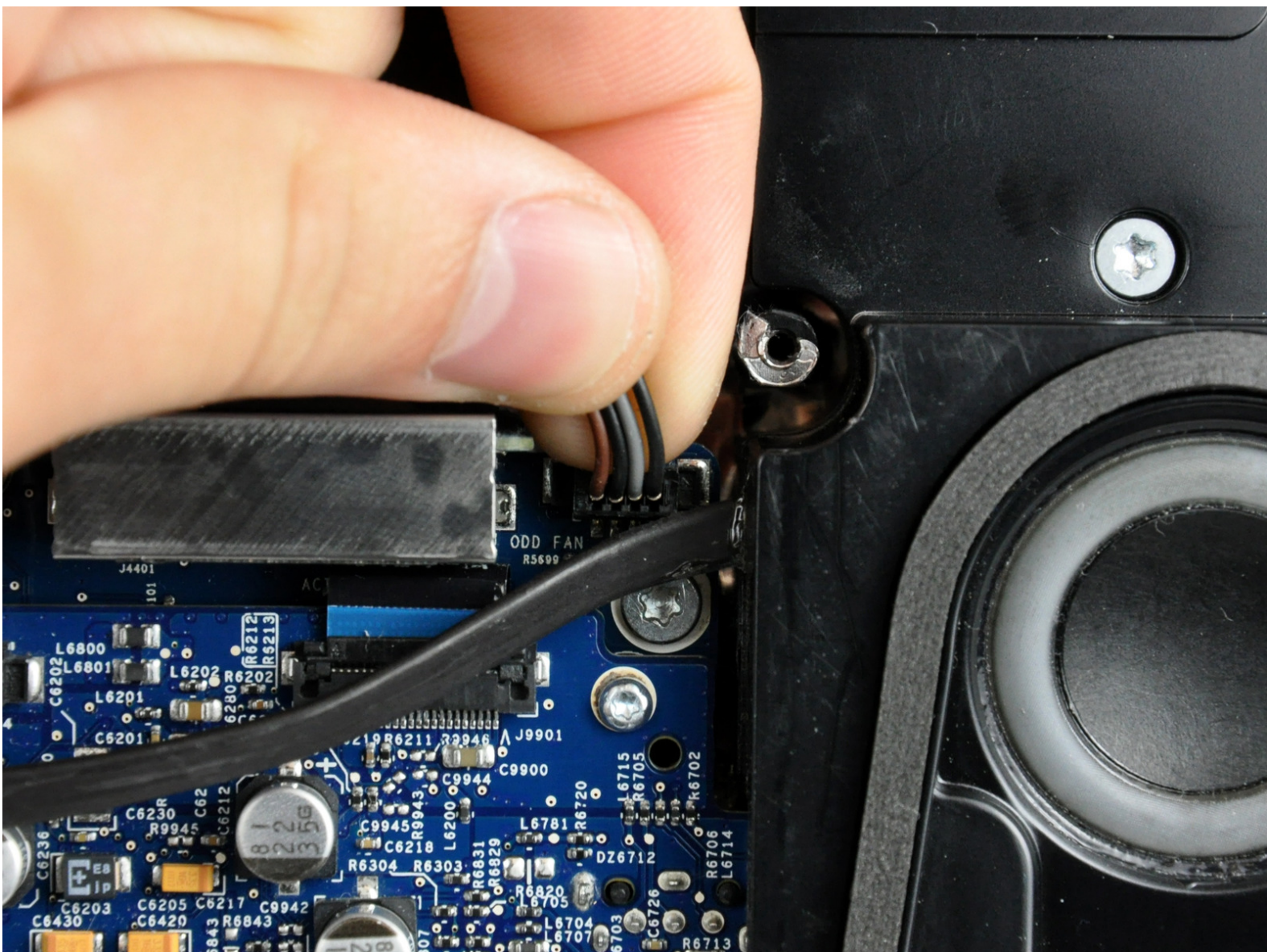




iMac Intel 20" EMC 2133 and 2210 Optical Drive Fan Replacement

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INTRODUCTION

Keep temperatures down by replacing your broken optical drive fan.



TOOLS:

- [Heavy-Duty Suction Cups \(Pair\)](#) (1)
- [Phillips #1 Screwdriver](#) (1)
- [Spudger](#) (1)
- [T6 Torx Screwdriver](#) (1)
- [T8 Torx Screwdriver](#) (1)



PARTS:

- [iMac Intel 20" \(EMC No. 2210 or 2133\) Optical Drive Fan](#) (1)

Step 1 — Access Door



- Loosen the single Phillips screw in the center of the access door.
- ⓘ This screw is captive in the access door.
- Remove the access door from your iMac.

Step 2 — Glass Panel



- i** The glass panel is fixed onto the front bezel with fourteen magnets around its perimeter.

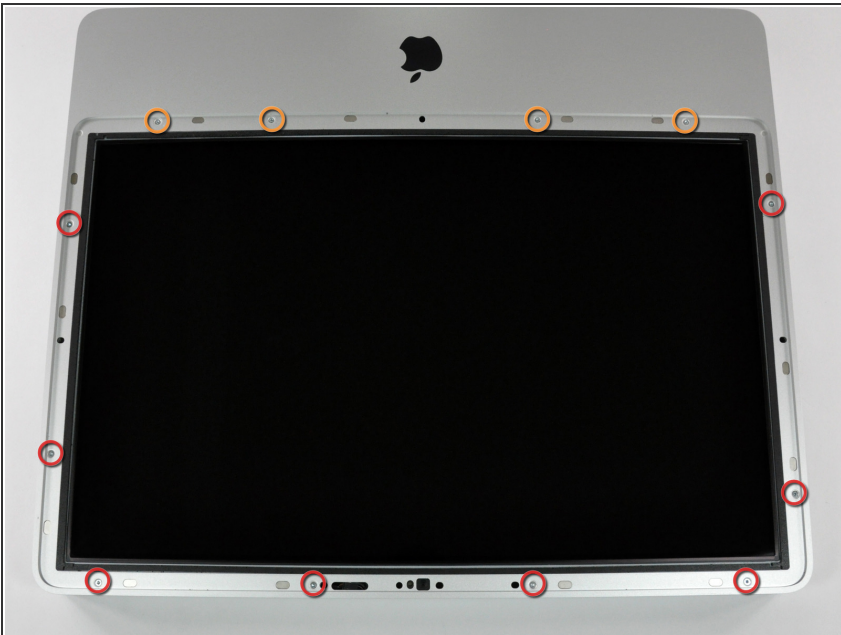
 - Stick two suction cups to opposing corners of the glass panel.
- i** To attach the [suction cups](#) we sell, first position the suction cup with the movable handle parallel to the face of the glass panel. While lightly holding the suction cup against the glass, raise the movable handle until it is parallel with the other handle.
- i** If your suction cups refuse to stick, try cleaning both the glass panel and the suction cup with a mild solvent such as Windex.

Step 3



- Gently pull the glass panel straight up off the iMac.
- ⚠ The glass panel has several positioning pins around its perimeter. To avoid shearing these pins off the glass panel, be sure to only pull straight up during removal.
- ★ Be meticulous about cleaning the LCD and the inside face of the glass panel before reinstallation, as any fingerprints or dust trapped inside will be annoyingly visible when the display is on. Placing the glass flat, inside face down, on a fresh aluminum-foil surface is a good way to keep it clean.

Step 4 — Front Bezel



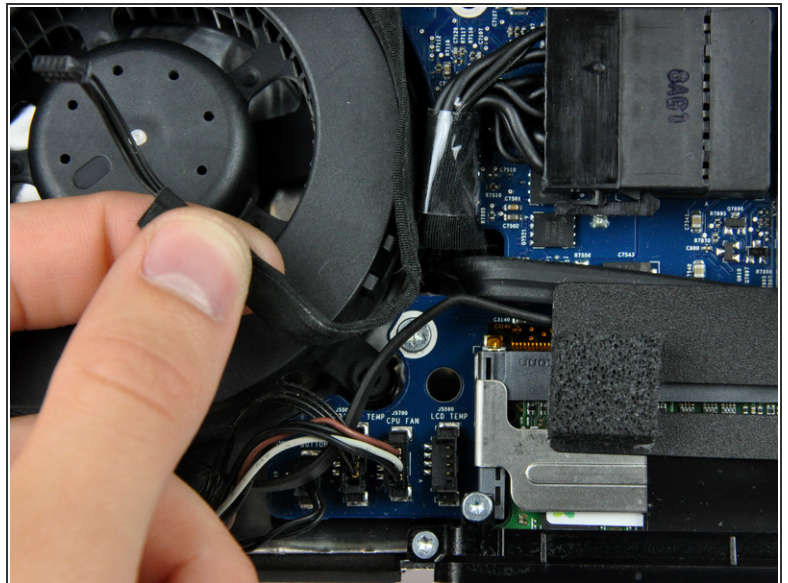
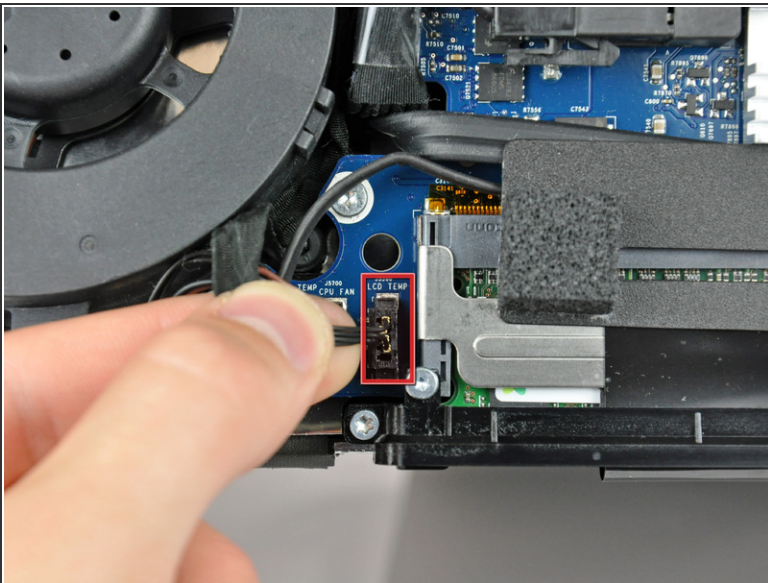
- Remove the following 12 screws securing the front bezel to the rear case:
 - Eight 13 mm T8 Torx.
 - Four 25 mm T8 Torx.

Step 5



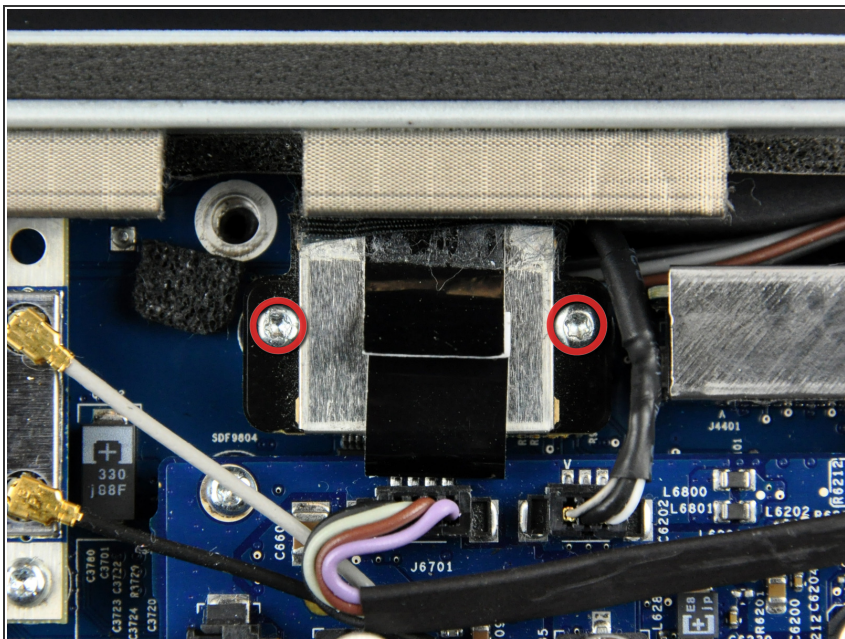
- Disconnect the microphone cable connector, removing tape as necessary.
- ☑ For the front bezel to sit properly, be sure to tuck the microphone cable and connector into the void next to the camera board.

Step 6 — Display Panel



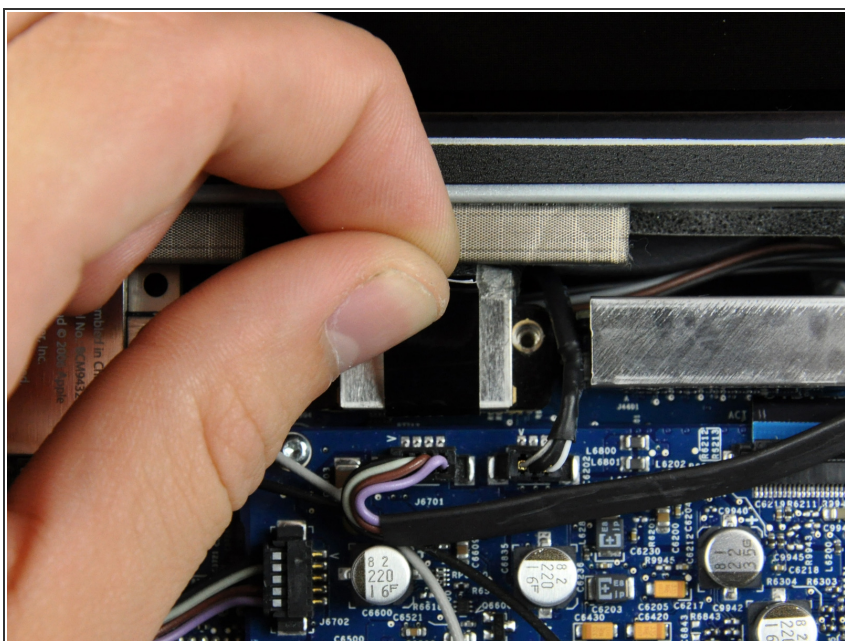
- Pull the LCD temperature sensor connector straight up out of its socket on the logic board.
- If necessary, de-route the LCD temperature sensor cable from behind the logic board.
- ⓘ When you remove the LCD, check the routing of the LCD temperature display cable. On reinstalling the display, be sure this cable does not block one of the bottom screws for the front bezel.

Step 7



- Remove the two 5.3 mm T6 Torx screws securing the data display cable to the logic board.

Step 8



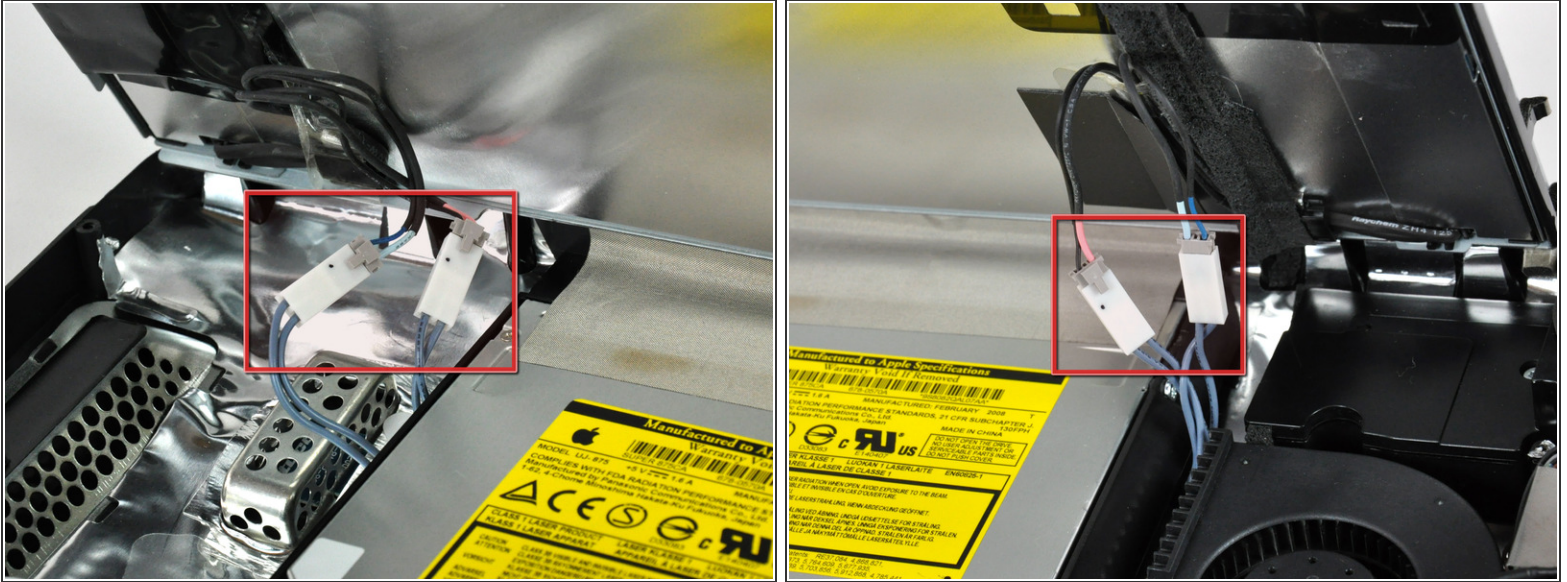
- Use the attached black tab to pull the data display cable connector away from the logic board.

Step 9



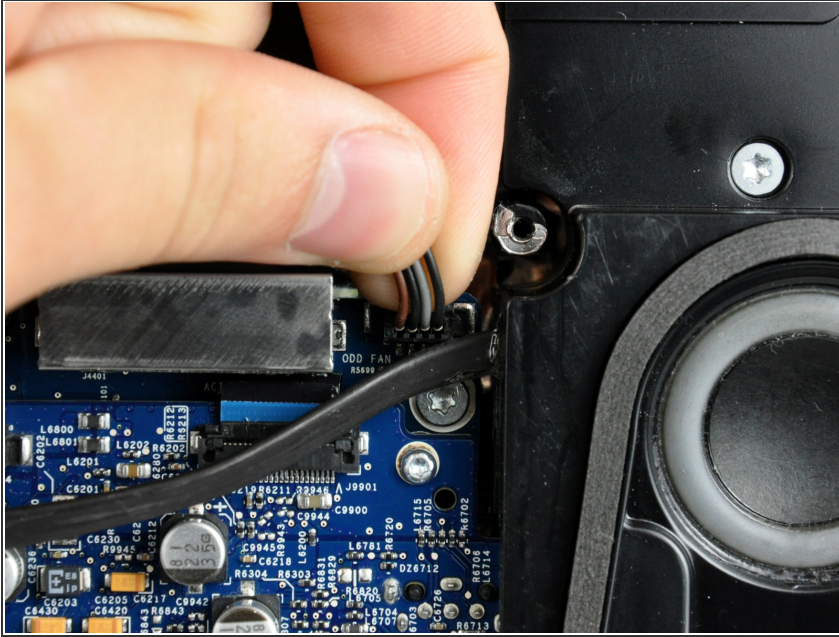
- Remove the eight 12 mm T8 Torx screws securing the display panel to the rear case.
- Lift the display panel from its left edge and rotate it toward the right edge of the iMac.

Step 10



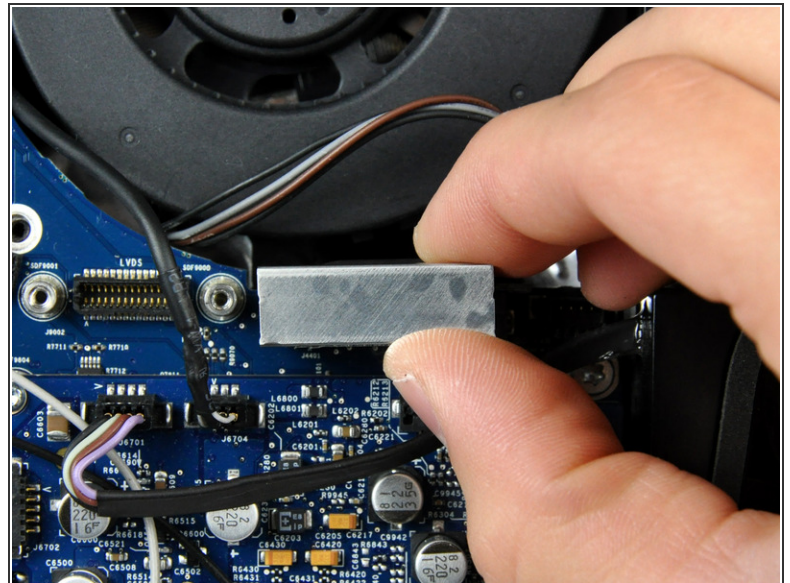
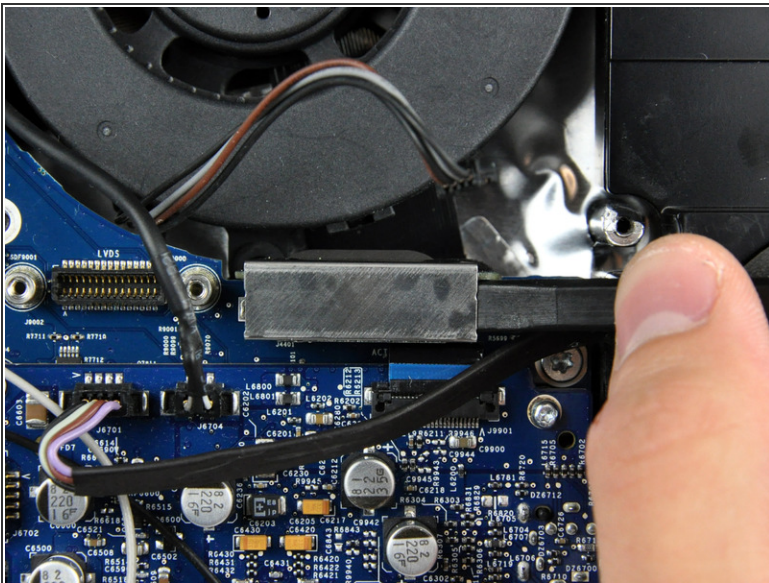
- With the display panel still lifted, disconnect the four inverter cables.
- ✦ During reinstallation, place the four inverter cable connectors in voids between components attached to the rear panel so the display panel will sit flush.
- ⓘ During reassembly, the order of the inverter cables is interchangeable within each socket.
- If you are replacing a hard drive and have an extra set of hands, it is possible to reach in and remove the drive without disconnecting anything but the LCD temp and display connector in the previous step with the LCD in its propped position.

Step 11 — Optical Drive Fan



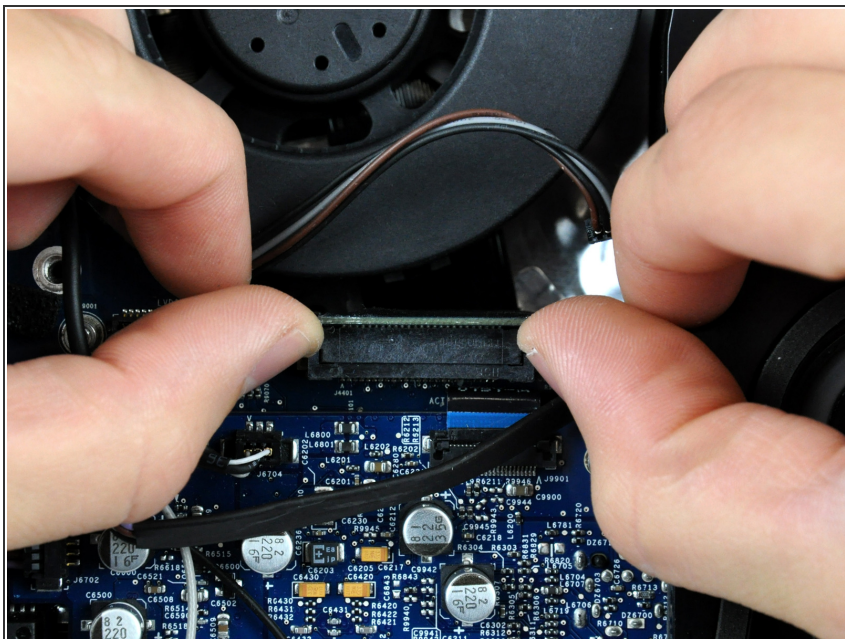
- Disconnect the optical drive fan cable connector by pulling it straight up off its socket on the logic board.

Step 12



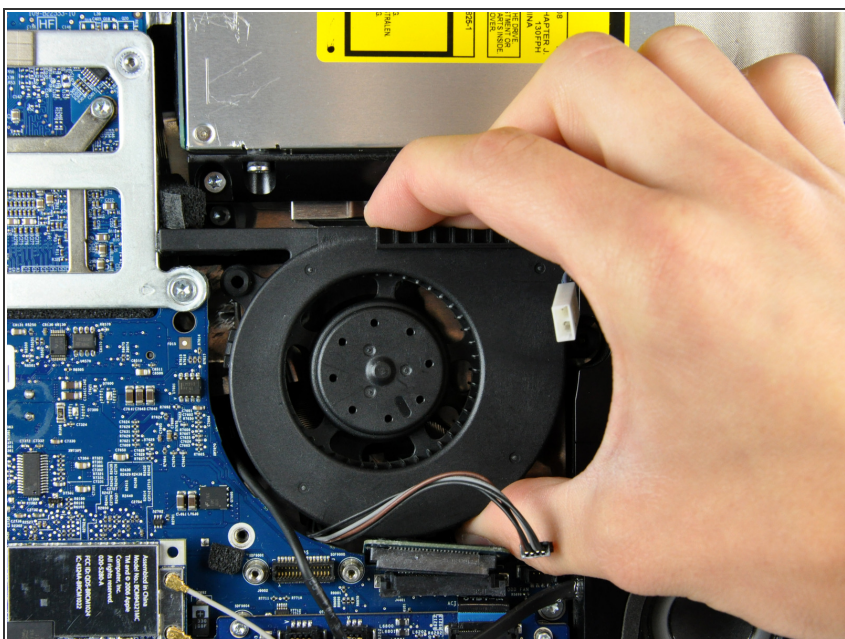
- Use the flat end of a spudger to pry the optical drive cable clip up off the optical drive connector.
 - Lift the optical drive cable clip off the logic board.
- ☑ During reinstallation, be sure the two raised bumps on the lower edge of the optical drive cable clip lock into the two voids on the underside of the optical drive socket.

Step 13



- Push the optical drive cable connector toward the top of your iMac to disconnect it from the logic board.

Step 14



- Lift the optical drive fan out of the rear case, being careful not to break the optical drive cable connector.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.

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